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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the abstract of the specification as follows:

An ultrasonic puncture needle is disclosed having according to the present invention comprises a sheath for being inserted insertion into a treatment tool insertion channel of an ultrasonic endoscope, and a needle tube for insertion being inserted into tissue within the body cavity through the sheath. The needle tube, which includes multiple staggered-array doughnut-shaped recesses over a predetermined range on the surface of the tip portion of the needle tube from the portion near the tip thereof.